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SUBJECT: EXCESS AIRCRAFT

REFS: A. CSAF 292044Z, NOV. 74; B. USDAO RANGOON 180150Z,
DEC. 74; C. STATE 225049; D. RANGOON 3143

1. USAF WILL PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION FOR C-47,
T-29B, C, AND D, AND C-131A AIRCRAFT REQUESTED IN REF. B.
BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. IN VIEW OF BACKGROUND (REFS C, D), WE
WONDER WHY BAF DID NOT EXPRESS INTEREST IN T-33S SINCE
OPPORTUNITY NOW PRESENTED TO OBTAIN OPERATIONAL T-33S IS AT
PRICE COMPARABLE TO THAT PAID FOR THOSE NOW IN BAF INVEN-
TORY. CAN WE ASSUME BAF NO LONGER INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING
T-33 AIRCRAFT?

2. "USAF IS DESIROUS OF DISPOSING OF THE SUBJECT ATION.
EXPEDITIOUSLY, EITHER TO ANOTHER USER OR TO RECLAMATION.
THUS, IT APPEARS TO US THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, IN ORDER
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TO INSURE THAT GUB REQUIREMENTS ARE SATISFIED TO THE EXTENT

POSSIBLE, THAT THE GUB DEFENSE ATTACHE HERE BE AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH APPROPRIATE DOD OFFICIALS REGARDING THE EXCESS AIRCRAFT. DEMAND FOR CERTAIN OF THE AIRCRAFT PROJECTED TO BECOME AVAILABLE IN REF. A MAY WELL EXCEED AVAILABLE

NUMBERS REQUIRING DIFFICULT CHOICES TO BE MADE REGARDING ALLOCATION. BY ESTABLISHING A DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN THE USAF AND THE GUB ATTACHE, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE QUICKLY AND AUTHORIATIVELY TO ESTABLISH GUB DESIRES.

3. YOU SHOULD, IN APPROACHING THE GUB ABOUT PROVIDING SUCH AUTHORITY TO ITS ATTACHE, MAKE CLEAR THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR SALE DEPENDS UPON PRE-SENT USAF PLANS ACTUALLY MATURING AND ITS DETERMINATION THAT A HIGHER PRIORITY REQUIREMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE OFFERING THE AIRCRAFT FOR SALE TO GUB. WHILE REF. B IS HELPFUL A MORE DEFINITE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SHOULD BE ELICITED FROM THE GUB PRIOR TO 31 JANUARY 1975. ALSO, IF THE SUGGESTION TO WORK THROUGH ATTACHE IS IMPRACTICABLE BECAUSE OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE ALTERNATIVE IDEAS ON MOST USEFUL WAY TO ADMINISTER PROGRAM, IF AND WHEN IT MATERIALIZES. KISSINGER

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